GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN COAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal production in coal mines of Western Coalfields Limited is constantly declining;

(b) if so, the details of said decline since 2000 till date, year-wise;

(c) whether this decline has occurred in all mines of WCL;

(d) if so, the mine-wise details of decline in production and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether some of the mines under WCL have turned unviable; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. There has been an increasing trend in coal production in Western Coalfields Limited (WCL). Actual coal production during last four years is as under:-

(in million tonnes)

Year	Production
1999-2000	33.86
2000-2001	35.20
2001-2002	37.01
2002-2003	37.82

(c)&(d): Does not arise in view of (a) &(b) above.

(e)&(f): Yes, Sir. Some of the mines under WCL have turned unviable details of which are given below:

Year	Name of Mine	Type
2000-2001	Chattarpur-1	Underground
	Bhandewara	Underground
	Shivpuri	Opencast
	Kawadi	Opencast
2001-2002	Mana	Underground
	Satpura-II	Underground
	Makardhokra	Underground
	Neharia	Underground
	Damua	Underground
	Mohan	Opencast
	Haranbhatta	Opencast

	Dhuptala	Opencast
	Chhinda	Opencast
	New Sethia	Opencast
	Datala	Opencast
	Pench East Patch	Opencast
2002-2003	Tawa	Underground
	Pathakhera –II	Underground
	Pathakhera-I	Underground
	H.Lalpeth	Opencast
	Kamptee	Opencast